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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. UNDERSTAND FROM REFTEL THAT SUBJECT OF KOREA AT 30TH UNGA WILL BE DISCUSSED AT SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 3-4 MEETING OF EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN ROME. TO REVIEW VOTING PATTERN OF EC-9 COUNTRIES LAST YEAR, ONLY FRANCE DEVIATED FROM OTHERS BY ABSTAINING RATHER THAN VOTING AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. GERMANS, DUTCH AND BRITISH CO-SPONSORED. THIS YEAR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAS UK AND DUTCH AS CO-SPONSORS BUT FRG HAS YET TO CONFIRM. DUTCH HOWEVER HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO LOBBY ACTIVELY. DANES AND BELGIANS APPEAR TO BE LOOKING FOR COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. FRENCH HAVE OFFERED LESS THAN FULL SUPPORT. GERMANS, ITALIANS
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AND BELGIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT NOT BEING ASKED TO BE

AMONG SMALL GROUP OF INITIAL CO-SPONSORS DESPITE HAVING BEEN INVITED ON JUNE 27 IMMEDIATELY AFTER RESOLUTION SUBMITTED. IRISH PROBABLY WILL SUPPORT AS IN PAST. IN SUM, EC-9 COUNTRIES PROBABLY WILL OFFER ABOUT SAME SUPPORT AS LAST YEAR.

2. WHILE ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM AMONG EC-9 WOULD

BE WELCOME, BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO HAVE AS FULL UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE AMONG EC-9 OF ISSUES INVOLVED. REQUEST LONDON, BONN AND THE HAGUE RAISE KOREA QUESTION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WITH AN EYE TO ROME MEETING DRAWING ON POINTS IN FOLLOWING PARA AS WELL AS PREVIOUS GUIDANCE IN STATE 158345, 195243, 195240. WE WOULD HOPE CO-SPONSORS WOULD EMPHASIZE NEED FOR OTHR EC-9 MEMBERS TO CAST NEGATIVE VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND, AS POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE LDCS TO DO LIKEWISE USING ARGUMENTS PROVIDED IN PARA 3 BELOW. LEAVE TO DISCRETION OF OTHER POSTS EXCEPT ROME WHETHER THEY AGAIN RAISE KOREA QUESTION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT.

3. BASED ON COMMENTS FROM CAPITALS, FOLLOWING POINTS MAY ARISE IN DISCUSSION OF TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS:

A. QUESTION OF COMPROMISE. THE DANES AND THE BELGIANS HAVE SPOKEN IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE. WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO CONSIDER SUCH A POSSIBILITY AT THIS POINT. THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE DEFEAT OF THE ROK APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN AND IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA. THEIR RESOLUTION, WHICH IGNORES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF THE ROKG IN ANY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PENINSULA, PROVIDES LITTLE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE. NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO AUG 8 SUBMISSION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION CLEARLY SHOW THEY INTEND TO EXCLUDE ROKG FROM DIALOGUE LEADING TO SOLUTION OF KOREA QUESTION. THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ON THE RECORD A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE US TROOP PRESENCE IN KOREA UNDER THE GUISE OF THE PHRASE "ALL FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER

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THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS." GIVEN THESE FACTORS WE REMAIN OF THE VIEW THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WILL ONLY ARISE IF THE NORTH KOREANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR RESOLUTION WILL NOT PASS. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT A "NO" VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS AS IMPORTANT TO US THIS YEAR AS A "YES" VOTE ON OUR OWN.

B. SUCCESSOR TO THE UN COMMAND. SEVERAL STATES HAVE RAISED WITH US THEIR MISGIVINGS AS TO THE APPROPRIATENESS OF DESIGNATING US AND ROK MILITARY COMMANDERS AS SUCCESSORS TO THE UN COMMAND. THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN ARTICLE 17 STATES IN PART: "RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERMS AND

PROVISIONS OF THIS ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS THAT OF THE SIGNATORIES HERETO AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND." IT IS A MATTER THEREFORE FOR EACH SIGNATOR (UNC, CHINESE PEOPLES VOLUNTEERS, KOREAN PEOPLES ARMY) TO MAKE ITS OWN DETERMINATION AS TO WHOM A SUCCESSOR IN COMMAND MIGHT BE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IT IS CLEAR THAT SUCH SUCCESSOR MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER SIDE. US AND ROK MILITARY COMMANDERS WOULD BE THE LOGICAL SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND IF THE UN COMMAND WERE TERMINATED. OUR LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAKES CLEAR THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS PUT FORWARD AS A SUGGESTION AND THAT WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES WITH THE OTHER SIDE. WE CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE PARTIES A SIGNIFICANT ONE AND ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE OPPOSING RESOLUTION DOES NOT TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT THE OTHER SIDE HAS IN FACT TOTALLY IGNORED THIS CONCILIATORY APPROACH. IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANCE, LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION IS NOT IMMUTABLE BUT WE BELIEVE FOR TACTICAL REASONS IT IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO CONSIDER CHANGES.

C. INTERESTS AT STAKE FOR EC-9:

(1) PRIME ISSUE AT STAKE IS 1953 ARMISTICE, THE PROTECTION OF THE INTEGRITY OF WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. NORTH KOREANS APPEAR TO IGNORE THIS IN CALLING FOR ABOLITION
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OF UN COMMAND. OUR RESOLUTION IS BASED ON RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE FULL VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE WHILE ACCEDING TO DESIRES TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND. EC-9 INTEREST IN VALIDITY OF ARMISTICE AND IN AVOIDING ILL-CONSIDERED UNGA ACTION DISCOUNTING IT AND THEREBY ENCOURAGING AGGRESSIVE NORTH KOREAN BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE APPARENT GIVEN NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EUROPEAN INTERESTS AT RENEWED HOSTILITIES ON FRINGES OF ASIAN MAINLAND.

(2) EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IS UN PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD UN. WHILE UNGA ACTION ON KOREA NOT LIKELY TO HAVE SAME IMPACT AS ON EFFORT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL, IF US PUBLIC SEES UNGA FIRST INTERFERING IN PUERTO RICAN ISSUE THEN ENDORSING CALLS TO ABANDON ROK,

CURRENT MALAISE OVER UN WILL GROW.

4. FOR ROME: IN MAKING APPROACH TO MFA, YOU MAY
INDICATE WE ASSUME ITALIANS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS ISSUE
WITH NINE COLLEAGUES IN ITS EC PRESIDENCY ROLE.

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